

The Raritan Valley Arts Association Established 1939

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Millennium Greetings!

and Happy New Year 2000! Hope you all were able to celebrate the Coming of the Third Millennium happily and with loved ones! We at 497 filmed the video of the abduction of the Singing Bear Bros. with the Millennium Players (soon available on VHS) literally as 1999 turned into 2000!

Our very first meeting is a sure crowd pleaser! On Monday night, Jan. 17, 7:30 pm at the Pluckemin Presbyterian Church, Ruth Wilson will be doing a watercolor demonstration. We all know and enjoy Ruth and her work--this multi-award winner and member of the New Jersey Water Color Society, the AAPL, and the Garden State Watercolor Society, among others, is of course a longtime RVAA member and supporter. You'll not want to miss this!

Our annual Holiday Dinner and Awards Ceremony at McCarthy's Restaurant December 7 was an especially happy affair (if you missed it, too bad, it was a goody!) RVAA thanks Eileen McCoy for all her work getting the dinner all together, and we thank Elsa Herrmann for getting our judge, Ron Peer (our demonstrator in Nov), and for doing the Awards Ceremony. With President Linda Arnold as our M.C. and Nina Trippanera doing the Invocation, we had a fine time. A very special THANK YOU goes to Ed Golubiewski who carved the wondrous birds and ducks and gave many of them out to people who had helped RVAA. Over the years Ed has carved many beautiful fowl and fish and Lucky Us who have been the grateful recipients!

The following are our Award Winners; congratulations to all of them!

Best in Show: The Arthur Trippanera Memorial Award; the Florence White Framing Award---Elsa Herrmann, for her watercolor of the Clinton Mill

Pro, under glass

First: Linda Arnold

Second: Susan Furey

Third: Linda Taffe

Pro, not under glass

First: Ellie Morehouse

Honorable Mention: Doug Axman

Non-pro, under glass

First: Mary Ann Creasy

Second: Judy Hummer

Third: Carol Staub

Non-pro, not under glass

First: Mary Ann Vaccaro

Honorable Mention: Nancy Schuman
and Ed Golubiewski

Holiday Show Update: As those of you in the show know, I've been running it and we've had a lot of challenges this time, due to the ongoing construction of the Somerset County Library (our venue). The show went up Dec. 1st, everything, including racks and case pieces went down Dec. 5th. The show went up again Dec. 20th and remains up at the library until Sunday, Jan.30th when we take it down again, from 1--5. All artists took their work down Sunday, but Mon. Dec. 20 I wish to thank Linda Arnold, Barbara Briden, Gay Billich, and Carol Staub for their extra hours of help putting the show up again. By Christmas we had already taken in over \$1000.

We have heard of that former longtime member of RVAA, Joyce York, recently passed away; we will miss Joyce and her work and our sympathies go out to her loved ones.

On a cheerier note, the health of John Spitzmiller and Joe Emery, both of whom have extended hospital stays, is improving. Your cheery notes and millennium cards (sounds good) will surely aid in recuperation. John is at 10 Red Hill Road, Warren, NJ, 07059-5520, and Joe is at 302 Mt. Airy-Harbourton Rd, Lamington, NJ 08530. We're rooting for good health and lots more painting for you two!

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

LINDA TAFFE is having a one-woman show of her watercolors presently at the Chester Public Library, through January 31st.

DIANA PATTON is in a 7-woman show of miniature art at the Hillsborough Public Library February 1-29th (corner of New Amwell and Beekman Roads in Belle Mead).

Hello, you out there! You're turning over a new leaf and you're writing your news on it and mailing it to me. Soon. Pretty please. And thanks.